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Applicant(s): John C. Opie et al. Docket No.: 32303 00003
Application No.: 10/618,456 Group Art Unit: 3731
Filing Date: July 11, 2003 Examiner: Charles H. Sam
TITLE: PERCUTANEOUS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HARVESTING
TUBULAR BODY MEMBERS

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office action dated June 5, 2006, and requests the Examiner to continue examination in view of the Amendments and Remarks beginning on pages 2 and 7, respectively. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions to extend by one month the time to respond to the Office Action up to and including October 5, 2006 and encloses the required petition fee.